S. R. A., T. No. 14 Issued March 1940

United States Department of Agriculture

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tea No. 14

STANDARDS UNDER THE TEA ACT

[EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1940]

Pursuant to the authority of sections 2 and 3 of the Federal Tea Act (29 Stat. 604; 35 Stat. 163; as amended 41 Stat. 712; 21 U. S. C. 41), the following standards prepared and submitted by the Board of Tea Experts are hereby fixed and established as standards under the Tea Act for the year beginning May 1, 1940, and ending April 30, 1941. Section 170.19 (b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 170.19 (b). The following standards prepared and submitted by the Board of Tea Experts are hereby fixed and established as standards under the Tea Act for the year beginning May 1, 1940, and ending April 30, 1941:

"(1) Formosa Oolong.
"(2) Formosa Black.
"(3) Congou.
"(4) Java (to be used for all fully fermented teas excepting China, Japan, and Formosa).
"(5) Japan Black.
"(6) Japan Green.
"(7) Japan Dust.
"(8) Gunpowder (to be used for all China green teas).
"(9) Scented Canton (to be used for all scented teas).
"(10) Canton Oolong.

"These standards apply to tea shipped from abroad on or after May 1, 1940. Tea shipped prior to May 1, 1940, will be governed by the standards which became effective May 1, 1939."

H. A. WALLACE,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 27, 1940.*

As standards are now set for the fully fermented teas, Formosa Black and Japan Black, Regulation 20 under the Tea Act was modified in 1935 to omit the statement: "Should Japans be made as fermented teas, they are to be examined in comparison with the Congou standard." The Japan and Formosa fermented teas should be judged by their respective standards.

Regulation 26 under the Tea Act was amended in 1930 to include Formosa Oolong and as amended reads as follows:

"(26) In the case of Ceylon, India, Java, Sumatra, and Formosa Oolong teas the needle leaf and Pekoe tips shall be separated by passing them, together with the dust, through a No. 26 sieve of No. 30 brass wire, after the tea has been sifted through a No. 16 sieve."

215207—40

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1940